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THE "GAZETTE" AND THE FIRE

The panic which filled the air the first of this week has subsided considerably and people are looking around to see how they stand. We believe that a bold front is the only way to meet disasters like this, and we think Reno's newspapers have stood up to their work pretty well, considering. Neither of them have earned a fortune during the dull winter but we did expect if we kept up our courage and made papers worthy of the town that prosperity would come with the aforesaid birds in the spring, little thinking that the birds would find us with half a mile of our best customers in ashes. When our business men were debating whether to give up the fight or whether it was best to build large or small the GAZETTE felt that any discouragements from the press would affect both our home folks and outsiders very much and put a serious check on our credit in the commercial world. If the GAZETTE had talked gloomily of the town's future, had cut down to a half sheet or even to five columns or issued a tri-weekly as we were strongly urged to do by people whose opinions we value very highly, the whole business atmosphere would have been affected. The opposite policy was adopted by the proprietors at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning and since that moment the whole staff has been kept as busy as bees siding in the glorious work of bringing out the town. All day Sunday reporters were on the scene gathering items, getting the feeling of the victims of the fire and encouraging all whom they could reach. At daylight on Monday morning a force of fifteen went to work on the daily edition and worked until dark, turning out by all odds the best account of the fire yet published. It was complete in all its departments and as full in detail as up to that time it could be made. The public at 7 o'clock on Monday evening could read in the GAZETTE all about each man's business that he knew himself. It was a report worthy of the New York Herald and should be pasted in every scrap-book in town. Eleven columns of original matter appeared in that day's paper. The proprietors return their public thanks to all the employees of the GAZETTE for their untiring and effective labors on that long and weary day, and we doubt not the citizens of Reno and the public at large will appreciate their efforts. When Reno assumes her proper shape and more than former fair proportions we shall feel almost the pride of proprietorship and look upon her as in part our own creation.

THE BILLS TO VETO.

Two billion tax bills were rushed through both houses at the close of the session which releases the Bonanza mines of \$95,833, and other mines of \$1,300,000. This infamous manner of proceeding will not pass unnoticed by the honest newspapers of the state. The GAZETTE has been so occupied with our other troubles that it had no time for this important matter. We hope the voters of Nevada will mark the men, and mark them well, who violated their sacred pledges in this matter. The governor has the bill in hand and can let it die, veto or sign it. We hope he will prove his regard for his premises all through the campaign, and promptly veto the measures. If not, more anon.

The legislature passed a memorial to congress praying for a daily mail from Reno to Willow Ranch. If we get it the chances are that it will be the opening wedge for a constantly growing trade and travel with Goose Lake valley and Southern Oregon. We hope to see it favorably received in Washington.

Elko is going to base ball.

HOW RENO STANDS.

When men's hearts are full of trouble and their heads full of plans it is hard to think of anything else and the GAZETTE has devoted almost its entire time to discussing directly pertaining to the matter in hand. It would be mockery to ask men to read what we thought of congress or of religion or modes of mining when they were headed down with one great sorrow. On the contrary everything pertaining to the fire in all its phases and effects must be valuable to us and to foreigners as well. We now feel safe in saying that the crisis is passed and that Reno's future is assured. The trade which heretofore came to her will be argued by new streams which can flow either way and which will be attracted towards her by sympathy as well as admiration for her grit. The editorials and newspaper remarks on her fine situation and many advantages will contribute not a little to her future prosperity. In short the fire will advertise her extensively and advertising is what makes trade. Our friends still stick to us and have faith in us. Business men below offer unlimited credit in every case where they believe parties will deal squarely with them. San Francisco men will put stocks of goods in live advertising towns that would never be packed in the world for old slow coach places that let the wind blow the ashes of every fire around the streets. Men who came to the fair last fall and looked at the burned site of Chinatown expecting to see old stoves and kettles, old bricks and cinders, only to find instead, that magnificent pavilion, those tidy, clean unadorned gas works, Dr. Hogan's residence etc., will put up every dollar they can loan on the game little town of Reno. Nevada men understand this as quick as anybody and lots are worth more on Virginia street and Commercial Row than they ever were in the world. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a lot that with a two story frame building on it last October brought twenty-nine hundred dollars shows how our moneyed men feel. A rich man offered a poor man five thousand dollars for his lot on Virginia street and it was refused. There is nothing in the world to prevent Reno being better than ever in a year. There is danger in over-doing matters. We advise our friends to observe the strictest business principles. Be careful and economical, don't run too deeply in debt because your credit is good. If you are crippled don't try to fly high, the drop would hurt if you couldn't keep up. Walk if you cannot run and no one will think less of you for it. Be careful of whom you buy and with whom you trade. If you go in debt let it be to responsible parties who will not cinch you or drive you to the wall. Buy of men who can carry you and are willing to do so until you can turn around. We will give the public the benefit of a valuable secret which our older merchants have learned, but our young ones may not have. Deal with men who advertise. They are open and above board, they are live and progressive and can give you better goods at better prices than the spiders who wait for the fly to come close enough to grab.

"The senate passed a resolution "by a large majority," thanking the Tribune, Appeal, Enterprise, News and Journal for their able and valuable reports of the proceedings. Why didn't they add interesting? Senator Cassidy was not in his seat so the Sentinel got left,

The Virginia Chronicle says: "The people have been sacked and plundered." It appears to us that the legislature has been "sacked" and the people plundered.

The Elko Post writes a review of the commandments. Where did it find them.

A CHANGE PROBABLE.

There seems to be a good prospect that the suggestion made by the GAZETTE a few months ago that the Central Pacific railroad company move its shop here, and make this place the headquarters for the country east of the Summit, may be adopted. It seems to be as popular among the officers and employees of the railroad as it is among the citizens of Reno. It might be made quite a means of the company if the move can be made without too great an outlay. The trains would run from Rocklin here, a distance of a hundred and thirty-two miles, and from here east two engines would double between Wadsworth and Reno, and the old arrangement continue east of there. Conductors and brakemen would run to Winnemucca, and passenger crews perhaps further. There would be no need of switch engines at Truckee or Wadsworth. Trains going up the mountains from here would take their regular load and double-head from here right through to Rocklin instead of being made up at Wadsworth and broken up here and again at Truckee. The tracks at Truckee are on a very heavy grade and the switching is both dangerous and expensive. The present divisions are awkward and render economy of working impossible. Either extra trains must run back and forth between Reno and Truckee, or extra engines must be ready to help pull up the regular through trains, or the engines must run between here and Wadsworth with a fraction of a load. If the change is made a good saving will be made by dividing the Nevada and Utah part of the road into two divisions instead of three, thus dispensing with a superintendent, clerk, train dispatcher and assistant with little incidentals enough to foot up six or seven hundred dollars in coin. We cannot say whether our old friends, Free, Coddington and Pratt will cut the cord to see who goes, or whether it will be a survival of the fittest, with some other test. No doubt there are plenty of places where men like them may be made useful. The change would be an important one for Reno, and if it can be effected the can afford to be very liberal.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

A general incorporation law passed both houses of the late legislature and is now in the hands of the governor which permits of towns, like Reno, organizing a government and carrying it on without any special attention from the state government. We hope to see Governor Kinkead sign this bill and we further hope that Reno may take advantage of it and get into shape to protect herself from people who are too careless or stingy to practice the ordinary precautions necessary to safety. When we get into our city harness we hope our officers will prove regular martinetts. We want to see a fire limit and have it enforced as closely as in Sacramento or San Francisco. We want to see every man who sticks a stove pipe through the shingles, fined three hundred and seventy-five dollars. We want to see the color of the man's hair who dumps coals and ashes in the street if we ever get to be constable, and we are not very sure that we would let wood be piled up against fences or houses. Powder ought to be kept away out of town in strong vaults, and oils kept in safer places than they are at present. If we had full swing we would fine the owner of every cow or hog that showed its face on the street, and we would tear every front fence into kindling and leave the front yards open to the street. There would be three dogs in town and they would be bidden away in cellars. There would be a cat for every old maid and no more, and other improvements too numerous to mention.

The Bodie News has full reports of all the mines in the district in its second issue.

A NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT.

The wisdom of being on the safe side was demonstrated last Sunday so fully that we doubt if anyone will do much business in Reno for some years to come without having a good fire-proof safe and a policy in some reliable insurance company. The county commissioners are impressed with the same feeling and are considering the propriety of putting a vault into the court-house, large enough to hold all the records and papers which may accumulate. It seems to us that no words need be spent on this subject. Every county has bushels of papers which are only less valuable than the property to which they relate, the loss of which would so completely upset the rights of property holders as to spread ruin almost as widely as if the ground had been destroyed itself. The records and papers pertaining to lands, water rights etc., are of enormous importance and ought to be placed beyond the peradventure of loss. The expense of such a vault as the county officers want is a mere trifle compared to the benefits of perfect safety, both from burglars and fire. An outlay of a few thousand dollars might save us tens of thousands in law suits and worry. The court-house looks ugly enough to scare off a fire but we know by sad experience that it requires an extraordinary building to withstand even an ordinary fire, and the chances are ten to one that if any of the wooden buildings around it should go there would be no saving it. If there is a chance for argument we would like to hear the other side and will publish any reasonable, respectful opinion that may be given us in order that the best course may be adopted.

AN EFFORT TO REMOVE THE STAIN.

Several gentlemen in Reno are organizing for the new town government to be inaugurated at once. There is every reason for haste in this matter. The town is rebuilding rapidly, and many reforms can be effected at a trifling expense now which later will cost heavily. One of the most mournful effects of our civilization is the poor creature who paints her cheeks and perfumes her hair in order to entice to her unloved arms the men who support her kind. She simulates the joy she cannot feel in their society, and practices the loving caress and tender glance for purposes of gain. If men insist upon her presence, she ought not to be in the public eye. She ought to be placed out of the sight of good women and pure girls. The best block in Reno has hitherto been devoted to Mary Magdalene, where she shook her scarlet robes in the faces of men, women and children indiscriminately. It is hoped that with a town government she can be moved to more secluded quarters, when in fair times, at parties and such like occasions, people can go to and from the pavilion without passing through long rows of brightly lighted houses devoted to the trade of infamy.

The danger of disease and epidemics is reduced to almost nothing by the fire. The air is purified and all the corruption and miasma which spread fever and diphtheria are destroyed. The seeds of disease which so often seem to fill the whole atmosphere are killed by the heat and smoke of a great conflagration like that of Sunday. Reno may expect a very healthy summer and half of our doctors can go to—Paradise.

The bill which exempts \$5000 worth of church property from taxation is one to which we are unconditionally opposed. It leaves room for fraud and is wrong in principle. The churches are either useless or else they can afford to pay their tax like honest folks. They themselves are too fair-minded to desire such a law, and we believe would veto the bill themselves if they had the opportunity.

THE SCHULTZ BILL.

The governor and his private secretary are hard at work on the bills standing unsigned at the time of adjournment and is steadily reducing the list. The billion tax bill is as yet unreached and an enormous pressure is being brought to bear to gain his signature. We regard the bill as being a direct discrimination against the whole state in favor of a few men who have broken the laws and refused to do their part to sustain the state government. There is no let up in penalties when a carpenter or a bank, or a newspaper neglects to pay its full tax. The great bullion producing mines on the Comstock refused to pay the lawful assessed tax at a time when the balance of the state was much less able than now to support the double burden thus thrown upon them. The principle thus illustrated became an issue in the last election and the entire outside representation was pledged on both sides of the political fence to oppose any reduction of the penalty. The fall of these men is almost beyond belief, and stamps the ninth legislature as one of the most venial and contemptible bodies ever assembled.

We are surprised to see so little demonstration from the press of the state to sustain the governor in this trying hour. The pressure of the mining men is sustained constantly, and if they thought money could be used they would be capable and could afford to make governor Kinkead independent for life. That they will advance every possible argument, and twist the truth into as plausible shape as can be done, is to be expected, and it would be to the credit of all parties if they changed their minds through plausible even though false arguments.

Legislative corps are strewn around like autumn leaves. Congress adjourned the fourth, Nevada's legislature yesterday. The constitutional convention of California, and legislative bodies in Arizona, Idaho, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, and others of our suburbs are dropping off.

Judge Gildersleeve, of New York, formerly captain of the famous American rifle team, is as good a jurist as he is a shot. He recently sentenced a brute to the penitentiary for twenty year for tearing a diamond ear-ring out of a lady's ear.

The supreme court has decided the case of H. H. Beck vs. the commissioners of Washoe county. The decision is that the relators are not entitled to a review of any of the claims except the \$373 for transcribing evidence in the Rover case.

John G. Dix, the poet, is confined to his room in Brooklyn, suffering from chronic melancholia, superinduced by illness in his own case and among members of his family. There never was a bluer set than the professional funny men.

George C. Gorham, who has been trying to play hen to the Republican chickens for so many years, is looking for a job. The Democratic senate doesn't want him for secretary.

Our clipping in an editorial headed "First class in Geography" in last Wednesday's GAZETTE was credited to the Stock Exchange. It should go to the Stock Report.

We have been watching our exchanges for accounts of illuminations, maidens strewing flowers, etc. on the return of legislators to their home. If we see any we'll mention it.

The telephone is liable to get tied up. The Gray and Bell companies have each began suits against the other for infringements.

The Chicago daily News the cheapest paper in the known world has doubled its size. It sells for a cent a copy.

W. J. Florence is going to Virginia next week with the "mighty dollar" by a large majority.

The legislature fixed the state levy of taxes at fifty-five cents.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The director of the Hastings law school refused to receive Mrs. Clara S. Foltz as a student, and Mrs. Clara S. Foltz began a suit in the courts. Judge Morrison said: "In the act establishing the university of which the Hastings law school is a part, the only qualification necessary for a student, is to be fourteen years of age and of good moral character. The only objection to her is that she is a woman." The judge granted her a writ of mandamus to compel the directors to admit her.

The Bodie morning News agitates our optic nerve this morning. It is No. 1 of Vol. 1 dated March 8, 1879. Mr. S. F. Hoole an anti-holocaust resident of Reno is the publisher and editor. He says:

In launching upon the sea of journalism we hope for success on the basis of truly and properly representing the interests of our people, and conducting our business on strict business principles and on an economical basis as is consistent with the getting up a readable paper,

S. F. HOOLE.

Washoe county and Reno should send a petition signed by every man on the great register requesting Governor Kinkead to veto the billion tax bill. It puts a tax on merchants, bankers, mechanics, farmers and the public generally for the benefit of a few of the very richest men in the world. Washoe should insist upon the Governor keeping the promise he made in the Opera House last fall.

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No cloud without a silver lining. The Reno fire is a godsend to the tramp who has worked out the yellow fever sufferer racket and been clubbed from the backyard for telling how he was obliged to skin out of Astrachan on account of the plague. San Jose Herald.

Illinois proposes to reduce the charge for occupying a berth in a sleeping car to one dollar per night. We would rather pay well for a clean berth than get a dirty one cheap. No railroad will spend more on a car than it earns for a regular thing.

The Reno GAZETTE talked itself out of breath on the question of greater protection against fire. The warning was not heeded. People will learn after a while to believe the papers—some papers, that is.—S. F. Aita.

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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The bullion tax bill, a copy of which is published to-day, is a fair offer to men with means to refuse to pay their tax as can be made. The agent of any big company, no matter whether he has a cent at stake or not, can make enough on the interest of the tax due on the property which he represents to retire from business. Any one whose tax amounts to enough to be worth a fight sees an open door through which he can walk, and if any one objects to his refusing to pay what is due he can settle one or two years hence and the interest saved will buy up members enough to protect him. In the meantime if a rancher don't pay his two per cent on his land, his crop, his cattle and his farming tools by the very day the tax becomes delinquent, the penalty is added and he stands no more chance of escaping without the full penalty than he does of missing the day of judgement. The constant cry which builds up Workingmen's parties and which divides the upper from the lower classes arraying the one against the other, is that the rich are favored at the expense of the poor. The GAZETTE is no demagogue and encourages no such attacks without good grounds but in this case we are bound to say the rich do ask an unjust and dangerous advantage, one which if they are allowed, shows a direct and enormous discrimination on the part of government against the poor and in favor of the rich, a discrimination which will never be forgotten, one which will politically ruin every man who aids it and the party who elected him. We speak now without heat or feeling. In truth and soberness we declare that the agricultural and commercial community will not stand this imposition. We elected men who distinctly and solemnly promised that if they did not work against this very measure with all their might and with all their strength we might string them up. Some of these men kept good their promises. A precious few worked and voted against this act, others contented themselves by simply voting nay, while a good two-thirds gave it their vote. All through the campaign the Republican candidate for governor and all of his friends put themselves squarely against all rebates, reductions or repreives for the men who had resisted the laws of the country and caught her by the throat to choke her into a settlement. The governor of this state has this bill in his absolute power. There can be no appeal from his decision. By running his pen up and down the paper often enough to say J. H. Kinckoad he can settle this matter forever. He need not even do this. He need only withhold his pen for ten days and it dies as dead as the honor of the men that passed it. If he does this his name will be dear to Nevada's sons and daughters as long as her brown hills hold together. He will rank with old Broadborders in point of firm honesty and sterling worth while standing the peer of any other governor in the land in every other respect. He will have the honor of establishing upon an unshaken foundation the principle that this is a republic, where every man's rights are held sacred and where no man shall escape the duty he owes to his country because he is rich. If he resists the tempter and stands firm for the right Nevada will delight to do him honor. She will be proud to send him to fill any office within her gift, where all men can look upon him as her representative without causing her a blush. On the contrary if he signs the bill—

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

We are heartily sorry that every man, woman, and child in Nevada cannot read the report of the board of regents of the state university. The report of the years 1875 and 1876 shows that on January 1st, 1876, ten pupils, all residents of Elko, were in attendance. In order to induce a larger patronage, a dormitory was built, which, with the fence about it, cost \$6,234. This scheme worked to a charm, as will be seen by the report made this winter. It says: "At one time during the last two years there were five students from abroad; that is, from countries in the state other than Elko, attending at the university and boarding at the dormitory, which has been well kept by Mrs. M. A. Rood. There have been no boarding pupils at the dormitory since the close of the long term last summer." The number of pupils during the last two years is from thirty to thirty-five. The school grows in size during the fall and winter, and then decreases until the close of the long term. This variation is owing to the fact that a large part of the boys and girls live at a distance, in the valleys of Elko county, and have to repair home during the working season to attend to the duties of ranch life in Nevada."

As to improving and beautifying the grounds, the report says: "The larger part of the grounds can be readily irrigated from the Humboldt ditch. We have experimented in the matter of tree culture on these grounds, having caused to be set out and cared for over three hundred Lombardy poplars. We have found the soil impregnated with alkali to such an extent that trees cannot be well grown in it unless this obnoxious element is removed. Trees can be cultivated successfully if the legislature should appropriate for the expense." They could haul soil down from Reno. The money expended for the twenty Elko youths foots up over five thousand a year. The principal draws his two hundred and fifty a month with a regularity worthy of a chrome. Over six hundred dollars have been spent trying to get trees to grow, without success.

The studies for the first year are plain, but the second year the alkali lappers throw themselves. Greek, grammar and reader (Bouillion soup), Algebra cut bias and gored. Plane geometry on the half shell with omnions. Geology with icebergs. Latin prose composition a la Richelieu. Science of government a la bull team of ox goadem. Toshow what this initiation ought to be and might be made, if it was only in some conceivable place, we need only point to Bishop Whittaker's school for girls, or the Catholic school, or to Miss Clapp's seminary. All of these institutions are profitable and useful, and the state university might be an honor to us if it were located where people come to live.

TO VETO OR NOT TO VETO.

The platform of the Republican party upon which Governor Kinckead was elected contained the following words:

Resolved. That we recognize the wisdom of the framers of our constitution in dividing the nation into the two classes of the mind that all taxes should be equal and uniform; that the present system of taxation is as just and fair as any that can be devised and should be preserved; that the mining corporations do not pay their fair share of taxes, and their just proportion of taxes, while the railroad property situated within this state pays much less than its just proportion; that no more taxes should be raised by our state than are necessary to meet the actual and necessary expenses of the state during the same period, when economically and honestly administered; that the present rate of property should be decreased so as to prevent only such a sum as is required to meet the expenses of the state, at the same time having due regard to the surplus of funds already in the treasury.

Resolved. That the Republican party of the state of Nevada is opposed to and protest against any repeal, modification or change in the law taxing the proceeds of the mines commonly known as the "bullion tax law."

In accepting the nomination all the candidates fully endorsed this sentiment. In his speech at the ratification meeting which opened the campaign in the Reno Academy of Music on the 12th day of October, Governor Kinckead said: "The bullion tax is the main question of the canvass. I heartily approve of the plank on the subject. It meets my judgement and decree of right." The Governor is brought face to face with his premises as politicians seldom are and he has a glorious chance for himself and the Republican party.

Wadsworth wants Washoe county to build her a bridge across the Truckee. The bill allowing the commissioners the liberty to do so was passed last week; also one to permit a court house to be erected in Carson.

AN UNRIGHTEOUS BILL.

The Enterprise yesterday characterized the efforts of the GAZETTE to defeat the bullion tax bill as sheer folly, evincing dishonesty on our part, &c. It says:

A former legislature passed a vindictive law, imposing a severe penalty upon mining companies who refused to pay the bullion tax assessed to them. The bonanza firm thought their tax was too much, and commenced to contest it. Before a decision was reached, however, through the distress in this city for want of money to carry on the schools, the police, fire departments, the bonanza firms compromised with the county authorities of Storey county, and with the state through its financial officers, consisting, we believe, of Attorney General Kirtrell, Treasurer Schooling, Controller Hobart and Mr. Garrard, acting for Governor Bradley. The terms of this compromise were, in effect, that the bonanza firm should pay the whole tax, but that the penalties should be remitted. If this contract was not absolutely reduced to writing it was fully understood, and it was entirely right and just.

The facts are warped sufficiently to suit the occasion. Briefly the truth is this: Four years ago a law was passed to compel the Central Pacific to pay its taxes. Its provisions were, that twenty-five per cent should be added to all delinquent taxes where the sum was over three hundred dollars, in addition to the penalty of ten percent put upon all unpaid taxes. After this law passed, the railroad company paid its taxes and fought the matter in the courts afterwards, instead of before, as had been its custom. As our readers will remember the case went against them and cost them a big sum. The bonanza mines refused to pay their tax. They were beaten in the local courts and carried the matter to the supreme court. While it was pending there a compromise bill which suited the owners of the mines, was introduced and passed both houses about as the Schultz bill did, even the immaculate Michaels falling before it. This bill was promptly vetoed by Governor Bradley, which act nearly elected him for a third term. Some time in March and just before the decision of the supreme court of the United States, which was against the mines, reached Nevada, the bonanza men came to Carson and offered to compromise by paying the tax and holding the penalty in abeyance until the ninth legislature met. The officers by no means contracted to remit the penalty. They had no right so do and neither of the parties so understood it at the time. In just two days after, the decision which would have compelled the two mines to pay the full tax and the full penalty, was received. Although Curt Hillyer, their attorney was in Washington then, the Comstock gentlemen declared that they did not know of the decision at the time. Under this compromise the matter stood exactly thus; The mines paid the tax and left the penalty question to be decided by the people represented in senate and assembly in the ninth legislature. The people took a solemn pledge from the men whom they elected to every office in the government: senators, assemblymen, governor, lieutenant governor and the entire machine throughout, that they would resist all reductions of penalties and all changes in the bullion tax, first, last and all the time. How these men have kept those pledges we know too well. They have betrayed their trust and now the whole responsibility, the whole load rests upon one man. The Enterprise concludes as follows:

No legislature ever passed a more righteous bill than the one which stopped these suits; and to say that any pledges were broken or any trust was betrayed in voting for it, is to fly in the face of truth and to insult the good sense of the people of this state. In regard to the 900,000 due the state, we can safely say no legislature ever passed a more unrighteous bill, or in a more suspicious manner. It was rushed through on the evening of the last day, and many members had notorious lobbyists sitting by their sides while the vote was being taken, who left them as fast as they were put on the record. They did break their pledges; they did betray their trust most flagrantly. Not a man of them would ever have been sent to Carson if he had not promised to work against such a measure. The matter was the principal business of the session. It had been held in abeyance for two years, awaiting their action, and they were under strict orders from their constituents to do the reverse of what they did do. The Enterprise will hear from the common sense of the people of the state again. As for the other suits, they amount

to simply this: In years past the managers of the Comstock mines paid the bullion tax exactly as it was charged up by the assessor. There was not a day's delay, not a protest or even a petition for modification of the tax. This was the condition of affairs all through the years that the Belcher and Crown Point were paying their dividends. Some months ago some lawyers discovered that the assessor made a mistake in levying the assessment upon bullion in years gone by, and suit was commenced to recover it.

The people of Storey county, we should think, could manage their own affairs without orders from the legislature and the governor to discontinue or to commence suits. If they find it necessary to bring action in order to collect taxes which have been unpaid, either through fraud or error, the chances are that any orders to them to stop would be unconstitutional and void, as they ought to be. If the suits are wrong, unwise or unnecessary, the officers have the right to discontinue them, and they must be a precious set of rascals if it is necessary for the state government to step in and interfere.

A PLEASING EXPERIMENT.

If our city government would pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of front fences, Reno would soon be the prettiest town on the face of the globe. There is nothing in the world to hinder the experiment from being tried. Trees and grass would be safe from cows and hogs if none were permitted to run loose and there would be no hardship in this, for the streets are no place for animals to roam about spoiling trees and making nuisances of themselves generally. The site of Reno is a lovely one. Her soil is warm and sandy, where plants and flowers will grow to great perfection. A street like West street with handsome shade trees on the line of the pavement, and pretty yards full of rich flowers and evergreens, an occasional fountain playing, with gravel or brick walks leading up to even modest houses, would be a charming sight, one very hard to equal in the western world. That would make Reno a famous little city in ten years. Rich people would come here to live, sending their children to our seminaries and universities, and building up handsome houses. The first thing everyone will say is: "It cannot be done. Cows would eat up all our grass and flowers."

Cows are a serious objection if we are to have them in the streets; but where all are interested in keeping them off, there will be very little danger. There is no reason in the world against such a plan. Fences are homely, inconvenient, and costly. They catch snow, dirt, and drifting sand. They spread fire if not disease. They give a cheerless, forbidding look to elegant residences and beautiful grounds. They make men swear, opening gates when their arms are full of bundles. Why cannot Reno rise above the old time customs, and the prejudices of example, to consider this proposition on its merits, and if it is all right, and would make as much improvement as we think it would, put it into operation and get the benefit of it.

SENATE BILL NO. 167.

The general incorporation bill is published in another column, and is so explicit and plain that comment as to the manner of organizing is unnecessary. It was drawn up by Mr. Cassidy of Eureka and Mr. Boardman of Reno, both of whom expect to live under its workings, which is a strong proof of their good faith. There are a great many things in and about Reno that should enjoy the attention of the city government at once. While the town is rebuilding, is the time to settle upon the ground plan for all future time. A regular grade should be established for each division of the town. Virginia street is filled in one place and hollowed out in another, and a man hardly dares to put up a good building lest in a short time he finds himself too high or too low, and has to climb a pair of steps or go down a pair to get to his door. The city engineer should set the pegs for a grade which should be lived up to, and save the big puddles of water which stand on our principal streets during the wet seasons. A slope might be given to the side ditches which would save the necessity of sewers for many years, which is quite feasible from the natural fall toward the river. There are a great many things we need to have attended to by some one who has time to do them and whom we can hold responsible.

The young lady cut up and assorted in a trunk gives the brilliant detective a chance for the companion pieces to the Stewart find.

Samuel Hays has been made postmaster at St. Louis, Mo., in place of C. I. Filey who paid too much attention to politics.

Ah Ben will be hanged at Maryville on Friday. To have Ben hanged is a queer—oh! Yuba Dam.

The GAZETTE will hereafter label its jokes for the benefit of the San Jose Herald.

The town incorporation bill and other matter will be found on the first page.

A mild sarcasm. Senator Shafron of Nevada is on his way home to California.

Wadsworth contributed \$250 for the relief of the Reno sufferers, Austin Revielle.

\$250.00 if you please.

Some of them have been mentioned in the GAZETTE, others will likely be. We published yesterday an intelligent letter which touches upon very vital matters. Any citizen who has matters which he understands, to write upon, is welcome to use the columns of the GAZETTE to enlighten the rest of us.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To-morrow is probably the last day when any good can be done for the bullion penalty bill. It passed on the 6th which gives until the 16th to consider it. Anyone who has any influence with the governor, or whose wishes would be considered, ought to go to Carson to-morrow and do all he can to obtain a veto. If the governor has concluded to do so, he needs the hearty support and co-operation of all his friends.

Many people fail to recognize the importance of contemporary changes and events. The era of government into which we are drifting, where men

block the wheels of government to carry partisan measures is full of dangers and must lead to great changes in our system if carried into the regular order of business.

In 1877 a gang in San Francisco surrounded a China wash house, and, after fastening the door, set fire to it. The inmates broke out and were shot at by the hoodlums. One was killed or burned to death. Five of the ruffians were arrested the other day and will be put on trial. They ought to go to San Quentin for a good rest.

It has been found that the willow is as good an antidote for malaria as the eucalyptus. This is a valuable fact as it will grow and flourish where it is impossible to introduce the gum tree which cannot stand the frost.

We look in vain for some word against the bullion tax bill from several of our contemporaries who were very strongly expressed on it before the legislature met. Did they get

"some of them hams?"

The mint at Carson has been prodded with a vault to store the new dollar. It holds \$1,300,000. We thought the new dollar was all to go to poor folks and never to be stored for the rich. Where is Jones?

As one of the results of the Democratic-green-back coalition, the Maine legislature has passed a bill suspending the operation of free high schools for one year.

The Tuscarora Times-Review is going after the stovepipes. Nothing in it, partner. Tell them where to find the best hot scotch. You will get more thanks.

The GAZETTE acknowledges the receipt of the March number of the International Review published at New York. The present number is one of more than usual interest.

Truckee subscribers complain that they fail to get the GAZETTE. The utmost pains is taken to have the paper properly marked and mailed. The matter will be looked into.

The GAZETTE is bound to say that the insurance companies have been very fair, and we believe, have settled honorably thus far, with all the sufferers whose claims have been passed upon.

The anti-Chinese agitation in Australia is on the increase, and the government is called upon to restrict coolie immigration.

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## THE BONANZA STEAL.

**Wholesale and Disgraceful Betrayal of the People.—The Way the Infamous Measure Was Carried in the Assembly.**

As is generally known, a bill was rushed through the legislature just before it closed its lame and impotent labors, relieving the mining companies from what is known as the "bullion tax penalties." The passage of this bill was one of the most infamous and glaring outrages, perpetrated on the people by the weakest and most corrupt legislature that ever assembled in Nevada. Hon. J. T. Williams, assemblyman from Nye county, being in town, a GAZETTE reporter sought him out for the purpose of learning from him how the infamy was consummated. Mr. Williams is the author of the celebrated Williams railroad bill, and has been throughout the session one of the sturdiest and truest advocates of the people.

Mr. Williams said he could not understand how the thing got through, unless bribery had something to do with it. Every member of the assembly was pledged in convention on this issue, yet their pledges were shamelessly broken. He had canvassed the assembly last Friday, and twenty-nine members—a number sufficient to kill it—had promised to vote against the bill, but when the vote came, ten of them fell square down in the dust and voted for it. The V. & T. and the Bonanza lobbies joined hands and made a joint fight against the people. A. C. Cleveland was the generalissimo of the combined raiders on the people's rights. His emissaries were busy as bees, "buzzing" and buying legislators. "When one was bought, one of Cleveland's henchmen was detailed to 'herd' him, and he was towed around until his vote was cast. Members who were vociferously indignant at the oppressions of the Bonanza firm, were the most subservient slaves to it after an interview with Cleveland. The third house had things all their own way, during the last days of the session, and every thieving bill that was introduced became a law, except in cases where there was no disposition shown to "whack up." The great mass of the members seemed to have no idea of doing anything for their constituents. Their whole aim appeared to be to grab or steal whatever came in their way. When a bill that affected the railroads or capitalists in any way was introduced, members who had not been "approached," voted on all sides, and filibustered in every way in order to make them come down. When the bullion tax bill was put upon its final passage in the assembly, Cleveland sent a "herder" with every one of his purchased cattle into the assembly chamber, and in every instance the herder remained until he had voted his man. Not one of them had the courage to defy the bidding of his master, but voted just as his watcher intimated; and this in the broad daylight, where people were looking on with righteous scorn and indignation. The wretches did not even have the poor consolation of appearing to vote independently, but the shame of their bargain and sale was publicly shown. The multitude saw, jeered and scoffed at their open disgrace. Even the men who had bought and used them,urned their backs on them when the work was done. An eastern Nevada member came whining around Cleveland next day after the vote for recognition but Cleveland turned his back on him in undisguised disgust. He said they were the "cheapest and dirtiest lot of scabs he had ever handled."

In answer to what he thought the governor would do with the bill, Mr. W. said he could not say definitely. The governor was pledged on the issue by the convention that nominated him and had the reputation of being a man of honor; therefore he still felt hopeful, though the Bonanza men were confident he would sign it. Should he do so it would politically damn him forever. The last hope of the people is if the governor, he can either veto the bill or hold it over till the next session of the legislature.

Mr. Williams said his political experience this session had humiliated and disgusted him, and all he desired was to go back to his farm and let politics alone hereafter.

## Cheap Labor.

Mahala power is cheap in Nevada. A big, strong Plute woman will wash all day for a dollar. If they put in half a day they strike for four bits, but take a quarter in coins and the balance in growling. "Heap four bits pretty good, two bits not much good; heap work hard," etc. Rotten apples, old melon rinds, stale bread and cold meat pacify them and they have nothing to say. "A good dinner smooths life's little troubles." They will scrub a good sized room in the most work-manlike manner for a short bit, and if they can get any perquisites, such as a bone for their "Injun," all is serene. They are very useful to the housewife in packing water or wood, and if they know when they will be wanted, they will come as regularly as the milkman. They would be missed by a great many who do their own work with a little of such help.

C. A. Bragg is prepared to furnish redwood lumber and lime.

## Sunday Services.

Mr. Jenvey gave us a sermon on the fire and its lessons, Sunday, taking as his text: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job, XIII, 15. He first sketched the character of Job and then pictured the fire. After telling the tale of the terrible conflagration, describing the manly, heroic labors of our citizens, and picturing the many scenes of horror, he said: "And now, what shall we do? Shall we calmly, meekly fold our hands, beat our breasts, and bewail our cruel misfortunes? Shall we sink crushed beneath the dreadful load, and stir neither hand nor foot to remove it? Shall we gaze blankly at the fire stained walls, smoking ruin, and charred remains? Shall we do nothing to make this town arise, like a Phoenix from its ashes, more splendid than before? Shall we weekly bow our heads and supinely refuse to work at all? God forbid! Let us not add disgrace to disaster! Let us not prove to the world that we are craven hearted men, willing to sink under the first hot breath of calamity! Let us not become shamed to our wives, disgraces to our mothers and unworthy our children! But let us be brave men; enduring men; plucky men;—men who arise, Artesians like, all the stronger after each fall. Let us throw aside the horrors of the fire, the desolation it leaves, the gloom of ruined structures, and let us labor like men, both brave and true, to repair its awful ravages. Sighing will never rebuild your walls, Regrets will never replace your goods. Despair will never furnish your homes—but faith, courage, time, and hard work, these most surely will. Ay, and above all things, shall we lose our faith in God in this hour of need? Shall we refuse to trust in Him? Shall we cease to believe Him? loving and merciful and good? Shall we do as Job was told to do, curse God and die? Shall we think that because a heavy hand is laid upon us, it is necessarily a hand of wrath, of anger, of hot displeasure? Again, and a thousand times again, God forbid! If we trust in God only when our skies are bright and our lives are sunshine of what manner of men are we? If our faith in Him is warm and strong only when his hand is scattering heaven's choicest blessings, of what worth is it? And then describing what a true faith was, he urged us all to gird up the loins of our energies and build up our town on firm and lasting foundation.

Rev. Mr. McElroy preached last night on the fire, and his sermon was full of encouragement to us. He is a valuable witness as he has been through many large fires and knows how it works.

## Our Mining Interests.

The news from the mines in Reno district is very encouraging. Under the new management, work on the Com. Esmeralda, is being pushed with renewed vigor. The main shaft from the 100 foot level is being sunk large enough for a double compartment. Although the shaft is 60 feet east of the ore vein which was passed through at the 50 foot level, it is still in ore which assays from \$16 to \$60 per ton, and the percentage of gold increases as depth is attained. This company is not milling any ore at present, nor have they done any stamping as yet. The five or six hundred tons of high grade ore now on the dump was taken out in sinking the shaft and drifting on the vein. We are informed by the superintendent that no stamping will be done until the company gets a mill erected. The shaft in the Crystal, a short distance east of the Esmeralda is down 35 feet, showing good ore all the way from the surface. In the Mountain View, half a mile southwest of the Esmeralda, they have struck a body of sulphuret ore, which assys \$450 per ton. How extensive this body is has not yet been demonstrated, but the lucky owners are pushing work with all possible vigor. Unless we are greatly mistaken the Reno mines will be counted among the best in the state before the coming summer.

## An Error.

In Saturday's issue of this paper a reporter stated the amount received from our neighboring town of Wadsworth for the relief of our own sufferers at two dollars and fifty cents. The GAZETTE hastens to the correction of this error. The amount received from Wadsworth should have been stated at two hundred and fifty dollars, not cents, and more coming. Such mistakes as the above are only necessary to correct because of the fact that outside localities might be disposed to cavil, not knowing that for Wadsworth such an insignificant offering would be impossible. At home all know the generous nature of Wadsworthians, and could not be misled.

## Will Not Rebuild.

L. Wintermantle has men at work cleaning the bricks loosened and thrown from the walls of his house on Center street, so that they may be piled and protected against the weather. He has opened a saloon on the lot opposite his brick, but will not rebuild the latter, at least for a while, because of a want of means.

## WILD AND WAILING WINDS.

## A Season of Hurricane and Storm.

The past ten days have witnessed, almost without intermission, one continuous storm of wind. It has whistled wailed and roared over Reno's ruins like a malignant spirit dissatisfied with its work. In the memory of the oldest inhabitants, nothing to compare with its force and duration, has ever been known here. First for one quarter, and then from another the wind has rested not, nor allowed a feeling of security and safety to come to our unfortunate. Coming in advance of the catastrophe which its fury fanned and fed, it yet lingers with us, exciting the liveliest apprehensions, and rendering futile any attempt toward restfulness and ease. The walls of burned buildings are braced against its forceful gusts, stovepipes and chimneys are closely looked after, and a general spirit of cautious watchfulness seems to pervade all classes lest this howling horror should again find some spark to play with, and complete the devastation of March 2d. The work of rebuilding is made difficult and slow by the prevalence of this wind storm, for men hesitate about raising insecure sides and roofs to their buildings, to perhaps be blown down before they can be fastened. The snow storm of Thursday, it was hoped would quell it, but it took its second breath and "blew" as twad blown its last.

## Second Growth of Pines.

Although the eastern slope is much less favorable for the tender little shoots which spring up from the old roots of destroyed pines than the Pacific side, yet in favorable localities there are patches quite well covered with a growth which appears thrifty and strong, though of a very slow growth. In the neighborhood of J. S. Towle's, who lives on section 34, township 19 north, range 19 east, at an elevation of about 5000 feet, the second growth covers many acres of ground, and rivals that of Colfax in thickness. About Crystal Peak, which has nearly the same elevation, there is quite a development in this direction. In both cases the timber has been cut off about fifteen years. The north slope of the hills seem to be the most favorable to the little plants. It is by no means certain that this climate is particularly unfavorable to new forests, as the average height of the great basin is nearly as great as the line which divides the luxuriant from the stunted second growth on the western side. The best of the new crop is below the elevation of Aita, and that above has a great deal the appearance of that on this side. Peraps our elevation has more to do with our apparent barrenness than other causes. If it affects the matter at all, there is no mystery in it, as our average altitude would bring us just within the line where the second growth thrives in California, and we would get, as we do now, just enough to prove the rule.

## A Fire Dance.

Some Carson's bravest and best turned out on Friday last to a party at the Opera House, given to raise money for the sufferers in Reno. It was well attended, and cleaned up about \$300. It would have done nearly twice as well if some of Reno's prominent citizens had not told generous people who thought of buying tickets that Reno's poor were all fed and clothed, and needed no further help. The utmost willingness was manifested by every body to help, and Reno, as a city, and her destitute, as individuals, owe a lasting debt to the following good, noble men who did their best to help them. J. W. Varnay, for his fine music which he brought from Virginia for the occasion. The Carson Opera House, for free rent. The Gas Company, for free lights. Deacon Parkinson, of the Nevada Tribune, for free printing, and both him and Mr. Michels for advertising. B. F. Small, of the Arlington House, for untiring and intelligent efforts in originating and directing to a successful issue the details of the affair. To Wm. Thompson and W. E. Price, of Franktown, Mr. Underwood and others for hard work in canvassing and selling tickets. Mr. Thompson sold forty-two tickets, and tore up eight, for which he handed Mr. Small a twenty-dollar piece. The money will be sent to Mr. Kinkead, and will help to buy some stoves, blankets, etc., which are very much needed.

## Scarcity of Lumber.

The storm in the mountains has detained much material which is badly needed in Reno. Many of the mill switches are full of snow and the cars even when loaded cannot be got out promptly. The railroad officials should do all in their power to get lumber in Reno as quickly after it is loaded on the cars as possible. Our builders cannot afford to lie idle this winter.

## St. Patrick's Ball.

At Kimball's hall on Monday evening, March 17th. Tickets one dollar and fifty cents. All are invited. Dancing will continue until all are satisfied.

## A WORD TO THE WISE.

## Death to the Pre-Breeding Stovepipes.

EDITOR GAZETTE. In your public spirited paper, you have advocated since the fire, several wise and beneficial measures. Among these, the incorporating of the town, and a more lawful management of affairs, have been deservedly conspicuous. This certainly should be done. A town without an official head is like an army without a commander. Individual acts of courage or wisdom can be performed, but there is no concentration of action, no oneness of aim; each acts for himself and not for the good of the whole. But since this measure cannot be effected before our town will have been rebuilt, permit me to urge strongly one or two points. A fire may be robbed of half its sting by a wise course of action after its visitation. If we sit down in sullen apathy and refuse to repair its ravages, it can only be an unmitated scourge. But if we bare our breasts to the trouble, meet it wisely and manfully, it may be a blessing. This is by no means the first fire of the kind that the writer of this has passed through. He speaks, therefore, somewhat from experience.

One of the first things that we should do is to thoroughly, wholly, substantially do our work of rebuilding. There should be no slovenly or imperfect workmanship; there should be no evidence of a false economy. A few extra hundred dollars expended in the way of improvement now,

## CHICKADEE CHEDIC.

Curious Concern for Carson City. On the freight platform yesterday an inquiring GAZETTE reporter ran "afoul" of a large square box labeled as follows: "One day's incubator, Geo. W. Chedic, Carson City, Nevada," etc. No idea of the shape of this Munchausenistic machine could be obtained, or knowledge of the principle upon which it operates acquired, but the reporter was nevertheless very deeply impressed as he thought of the possibilities in the case should this hen-developing machine come into general use. If the label be an indication of its use and purposes an egg confined to its tender care will develop into a bird in one day! What a mighty economy of time and pin feathers! What an immense saving of hen vitality! What a reduction of wear and tear! As the reporter gazed at this mysterious engine of evolution a film crept over his eyes and before his blurred vision appeared a scroll bearing in flaming letters the inscription:

"Spring Chickens at a Moment's Notice—Winter or Summer. Eggs Purchased, Orders Received, and Returns Made the Same Day. No Extra Charge for Roosters."

Gradually, as the reflection that all that rendered possible the realization of this grand scheme was consigned to a Carsonian Chedic occurred to him, a feeling of envy took possession of the reporter's bosom, and he almost wished he had never been born so that, perchance, he might have had the pleasant experience of being hatched at a gallop. Will our Carson coterie parlories kindly keep track of this hen-saviour and chicken manufactory, and let us know how it does its work?

## Dust to Dust.

The GAZETTE Monday gave the notice of the death of Joe Crews. He will be buried to-morrow at 1 o'clock from his late residence. Ten years ago the writer and Joe were carried into the then wild territory of Wyoming by the rush of the Pacific railroad. He was the same Joe that there he always has been here. His greatest desire seemed to be to keep a nice saloon and get in a big crowd. He was always gentlemanly, of engaging manners and was a universal favorite. His poor wife and baby have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss. The fire was a small calamity to the rest of us in comparison to its work in their little circle.

## Another Brick Building.

J. J. Quin is getting ready to put up a fine brick on his lot on Virginia street. It will be eighteen feet wide and sixty feet deep, and as near fire-proof as brick, stone, tin, and mortar can make it. There will be no wood-work about it, with the exception of the floor and joists, the sidewalk even being of brick. In addition to this, he will have a fire-proof cellar. Work on his residence in the rear of the store has already been commenced, and as soon as it is completed he will have his shop in the front portion of it, till his store is ready for occupancy.

## A Solid Brick Block.

A meeting of the property holders on Commercial Row, between Hagerman & Schooling's store and Barnett's corner, was held recently, and it was decided to rebuild that block entirely of brick. J. J. Becker, who has purchased the lot adjoining J. G. Becker, is putting up a temporary wooden building for his saloon, which he will occupy till his new brick is finished. A solid brick block is something very few towns in Nevada, of Reno's size, can boast.

## A Fine Place.

Gibson & Dealey's new saloon is the finest one in Carson. For a bar they have three elegant sideboards. Their fine cabinet they saved from the fire, a new billiard table fills the rear of the room, and the back end of the building is divided into club rooms. The whole is neatly papered and paneled.

## A Generous County.

Santa Clara county, California, is \$437,809.75 in debt. \$251,000 was sent to railroads and \$31,000 was sent to build Lick avenue, which will lead to the James Lick Observatory when it is built.

## Let There Be Light.

The continental oil company has a first class agency in Reno and has a constantly increasing trade all over Nevada. Mr. McRae is the agent and is a thorough going business man. His storage tanks are near Captain Bragg's lumber yard.

## Generous Wadsworth.

Mr. T. G. Herman, of Wadsworth, writes to the relief committee that they may draw on him for \$280 for their use.

## Fine Ore.

A chunk of ore of a gray color full of sulphur lies in the savings bank window. It is from the Mountain View and assays \$417.70 in silver.

The walls of the Farmers' store are very good, and will be used again. Burk's building, where Grey & Isaacs were, is considerably damaged. The arches in the front are ruined.

## The Storm in California.

The Record-Union says: Freight train No. 11 got stuck in the snow between the Summit and Truckee Sunday evening, and remained there all night and part of yesterday forenoon. The east-bound lightning express and overland passenger trains were held in the snowsheds west of the Summit, and did not get through to Truckee until late in the day. The west-bound passenger train, which should have reached here at 10:25 A. M., got in about 11:30 last night. At 11 o'clock last night the barometer at the Summit indicated a change of weather for the better. It was clear and calm there, rainy at Alta, but calm and cloudy at all other points. During the twenty-four hours ending at 5 A. M. yesterday 3½ feet of snow fell at the Summit and at Truckee; the fall since that hour has not amounted to much, it being more of a wind than snow storm. There is about 16 feet of snow at the Summit, 9 at Truckee, 10 at Cisco and 6 at Blue Canyon... The Napa branch of the California Pacific railroad will, it is expected, be repaired this evening... The water has fallen from the track of the California and Oregon railroad between Marysville and Lomo, and about 100 men were yesterday engaged in repairing damage. It was believed that everything would be ready for the passage of trains over the line of that road by to-morrow evening, if not sooner.

## The Remission of the Penalties.

[Elko Independent] The Enterprise in speaking on the above subject makes use of the following language:

"There is no good reason why this penalty should not be remitted. God knows the mines of Storey county have paid enough into the state and county treasuries to entitle them to this consideration."

Of course there is no good reason why it should not be done; but the bill is not sufficiently comprehensive. It should have included a rebate to the Central Pacific, and Virginia and Truckee railroads of \$100,000 or so apiece on their taxes, because they also have paid large amounts of money into the state treasury, and that in the language of the Enterprise should "entitle them to this consideration."

According to this argument every rich man should be granted a reduction in his taxes when it is already a notorious fact that the poor man pays more taxes in proportion to his property than the rich man does.

If this infamous swindle shall be consummated it will everlasting damn every man that votes for it and the governor who signs it.

## House Moving.

As one of the results of the fire it is not uncommon nowadays to see moving through the streets, sizable houses on wheels or runners, and dragged here and there by long strings of horses. Sunday Dr. Snow was engaged in superintending the removal of his house from Centre street in Evans' addition, to a lot on Virginia street, opposite John Sunderland's establishment, and met with quite a chapter of accidents on the road. At the Sierra street crossing of the railroad the running gear caught on the rails or became disarranged in some manner, necessitating a delay of two or three hours, the house in the meantime was resting directly across the track. The house was badly racked and splintered before it was gotten under way again, a telegraph wire was broken, and one of the horses had a leg sprained by the wrapping of a chain around it. The Dr. proposes to open his office shortly.

## Arizona's Legislature.

Sixty-five bills were passed. Six of them change people's names. Three are divorce bills and one establishes a grand lottery scheme.

Dozens of singing birds in gilt cages were hung about the opera hall in Eureka on the occasion of the Purim ball, and seemed to enjoy the evening as well as the dancers. The Leader devotes a page to Jenkins.

## Arizona is now the only United States country in which lottery enterprises are favored by the law of the land.

Boxie is now prospecting for a church. As usual in all new localities it will be built by gamblers and saloon keepers.

## A man named Charles R. Howe, 65 years old is missing at Marysville.&lt;/div

## GOOD ADVICE TO BUILDERS.

The Demand for Better Buildings and Better Fire Preventatives.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—In your issue of the 10th I advocated strongly a wise and substantial rebuilding of the business portion of town, and a careful avoidance of the use of the fatal and ill-omened stovepipe. I am very much afraid that the first will not be carried out. I notice that in many places small and exceedingly plain buildings are being erected, and I am only too much afraid that they are designed to be permanent. I am sure that both the builders and we will sorely regret it. I am sure that, as the months creep on, and the evil effects of the fire pass away, they will see the folly of erecting such buildings, and will deplore the day that saw them practice such false economy, for it will prove much.

## MORE EXPENSIVE

to tear down and rebuild again than it would have been to have built solidly and well at first. It will be found to be much more disadvantageous to cease business then, when it is in full progress, and again build, than it would have been to wisely build now, when business so largely suspended. I devoutly hope that this may be checked, and that our town may not sink to the level of a transient mining camp; that it may not give evidence of retrograding; but that a few extra hundred dollars may be wisely expended in the way of substantially rebuilding; and that we may prove an honor to our state and a credit to ourselves. Our town is really the door to the state. Through it must pass all who go to and come from the capital, the great Comstock, and the fine farming lands which lie between us and them. Every stranger is at once badly impressed, by seeing our shabby and

## NON-PROGRESSIVE APPEARANCE?

Small visitors leave us with the impression that we are devoid of energy, devoid of wise forethought, and devoid of home pride? I hope not, and therefore I hope that this fatal error may be checked here, and that these frail and diminutive buildings may not be erected in the best and most valuable portions of our town. But another matter of public interest has occurred to me. It is in reference to economizing and utilizing our water supply in time of fire. I have not one word to say against our firemen. They worked like heroes on the fatal 2d of March, and proved themselves to be brave and devoted men. They deserve and should receive the fullest approbation of the entire community. But still, they are but men, and even they are powerless under circumstances similar to those of ten days ago. I understand that a new

## SUPPLY OF WATER

is to be brought to us, and that increased water facilities will be furnished us. Why cannot we have water plugs placed at convenient places in our business quarter? They can be placed at a comparatively trifling cost and can be kept in constant readiness for use. I would earnestly suggest that these plugs be placed, and that hose of convenient length be purchased and kept ready for use in the house nearest the plug. Our admirable force of firemen can be so divided that certain ones shall have the management of certain plugs. In this way each man knows his post, knows his duty, and knows how to do it. The advantages accruing to such an arrangement are incalculable. Until this method was adopted in Virginia City, the

## ANNUAL LOSS FROM FIRE

ranged from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Last year they were but \$4500 or thereabouts. To give a sufficient force to this water supply, the reservoir of the water company should be placed at an elevation of at least 150 feet above the town. Nothing short of this will do. The writer of this has learned that the reservoir will probably be placed back of Bishop Whitaker's school for girls. I think this would be a great mistake. There is a fine location about a half a mile back of the school, and there it should be placed. That would give a fine fall, and would meet all the fire demands that could occur. I am more in earnest in this matter than I can express, and devoutly hope to see

## A WISE FORETHOUGHT

and foresight shown now when everything is in form for such action. But still, I fear the results, and for the simple reason that we have no town organization, and no recognized and official head. It is everyone for himself and no regard for the good of the whole. I now again appeal to our men of experience; our men of property; our men of moral weight and authority; and again ask that the evils of false rebuilding may be arrested; and the blessings of a wise utilizing of the new water supply be taken advantage of. Will you aid me in this?

CLIVE.

Reno, March 13, 1879.

## They Will.

Wisconsin Phonograph.  
President Hayes has vetoed the Chinese immigration bill. Let the all-mold-eyed puppy eaters come.

## THE NEW INCORPORATION LAW.

An Act to Provide for the Government of Unincorporated Towns in this State.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. In addition to the powers and jurisdiction conferred by other laws, the board of county commissioners of this state shall have the following with regard to the management of affairs and business of any unincorporated town in their respective counties:

First.—Whenever a majority of the taxpayers, as appears from the last assessment roll, representing a majority of the taxable property of such town, petition the board of county commissioners for a town government, subject to the rules, regulations, government and such other by-laws, rules, regulations, and stating the metes and bounds of said town as the petitioners may designate or prescribe, the said board of commissioners shall, in accordance with the petition presented by said petitioners, examine and find that it appears from the books of the county clerk that fifteen days previous to the filing of the aforesaid petition of the majority of taxpayers of such town, a notification of intent to present petition shall have been filed with the county clerk and published in at least one issue of some newspaper published in the county, signed by five taxpayers of such town. The genuineness of the signatures to the taxpayers' petition for town government shall be attested by at least three reliable taxpayers of such town, and the sufficiency of the petition, as regards the number of petitioners and amount of taxable property represented by said petitioners, shall be passed and determined upon by comparison with the last assessment roll, by the county commissioners, and if found sufficient, as by this section hereinafter required, the board of county commissioners shall then have power:

First.—To establish and prescribe the metes and bounds of such town, the name by which such town shall be known (naming the town).

Second.—To levy and collect taxes on all property in such town made taxable by law, both real and personal, for sanitary purposes and payment of clerk, which shall not exceed the sum of one-quarter of one per cent. on each one hundred dollars value of taxable property.

Third.—To raise, lower, widen, open, extend and build sidewalks; to grade, open, widen and extend streets and alleys; to remove obstructions from sidewalks, streets or alleys; to provide for proper and sufficient drainage, sewerage and cleansing of said town, and require payment therefor of the property owners whose frontage is on the block, street or alley where such work is performed. The amount required for payment therefor shall be collected pro rata of the owners of frontage proportionate to the amount of such frontage on such improved street, alley or sidewalk. No such improvements shall be made except upon petition to the board of county commissioners of a majority of the frontage property owners upon any street, alley or block wherein such improvements are desired.

Fourth.—To provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; also, to organize and regulate fire companies, or to create a fire department in any town that shall have two or more companies, and provide for the election of a chief of said department, whose salary (said chief's) shall not exceed the sum of forty dollars per month, payable out of the regular tax levied for fire purposes.

Fifth.—To regulate the storage of gunpowder and other combustible materials.

Sixth.—To regulate houses of ill-fame and establish and prescribe a district within which such houses shall be kept in such town.

Seventh.—To prevent and abate nuisances; also to determine what are nuisances.

Eighth.—The board of county commissioners shall provide by order for the annual election of the chief of the fire department.

Ninth.—The board of county commissioners shall publish, at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, all orders of a general character, and shall make all needful rules and regulations governing all matters and things hereinbefore mentioned.

SECTION 2. If any person or persons shall fail or refuse to pay the amount or pro rata amount required by the board upon their order duly made and entered in the minutes of their proceedings, after the publication of notice thereof in a newspaper, as provided in section one of this act, suit may be brought in the name of state of Nevada against such person or persons for the recovery of such pro rata amount or the amount remaining unpaid by such person or persons; such actions shall be tried in such manner as other civil suits. It shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county to prosecute all such actions, for which he shall receive a fee of three dollars and five, per cent. on the amount recovered, to be collected as costs; provided, that in no case shall his services, fee or fees or percentage become a charge against or be paid by the town. All orders made and published by the board for the police, sanitary, regulation or government of said town shall be known as a town order, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to violate any order, rule or regulation made

by the board for the government of said town, and any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not less than fifty or more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of one day for each two dollars of such fine. The same fees may be allowed in such cases as in other criminal actions, to be collected from the defendant; provided, in no case shall the fees of any officer whatever become a charge against or be paid by such town.

SECTION 3. The county clerk shall keep a separate book for each town under the provisions of this act, where-in shall be kept a record of the proceedings of the board of county commissioners relative to business affecting such towns. The salary of the county clerk for keeping such books shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, and shall be paid quarterly out of moneys collected by taxation and from the fund provided for in section one of this act for sanitary and cleakship purposes. The current expenses of the town for any one year shall not exceed the amount of money on hand and the incoming revenues of said year.

SECTION 4. Whenever the inhabitants of any incorporated town of this state that may have adopted the provisions of this act for its government, becomes desirous of relieving themselves of its provisions, a petition signed and presented to the board of county commissioners in the same manner as required for the adoption of the provisions of this act as per section one herein, then said board shall declare the town government dissolved and an end; provided, no debts or demands against such towns then exist; and provided further, that twelve months shall have elapsed from the date of the adoption of the provisions of this act for the government of such town.

## SENATE BILL NO. 128.

[Introduced by Mr. Shultz Feb. 19, 1879.]  
The people of the state of Nevada represent in senate and assembly do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Any suit or suits or other proceeding heretofore instituted and now pending in any court in the state of Nevada to enforce the collection of any tax or taxes claimed to have become due for county purposes prior to the first day of July, 1875, which were not in fact placed upon the assessment roll or delinquent list and demanded prior to that date, are hereby discontinued; and no suit or suits or other proceedings shall hereafter be commenced or maintained for the purpose aforesaid.

SEC. 2 All claims by the state or by any county for penalties or percentages which had accrued previous to the first day of July, 1877, on account of non-payment at the time required by law of any previously levied tax where the original tax and costs were in fact paid prior to said date, are remitted and discharged, and the district attorneys of the several counties are directed to dismiss all actions herefore commenced for the recovery of such penalties and percentages.

SEC. 3 Where in suits commenced for the recovery of taxes delinquent prior to the first day of July, 1877, a judgment has by the consent of the district attorney been entered for the amount of the original tax and costs, exclusive of any penalty or percentage due or claimed by reason of default in payment at the time prescribed by law, the action of the district attorney in so consenting to said judgment is hereby ratified and approved.

SEC. 4 Where in actions of the character specified in the two preceding sections a judgment has been entered for the taxes, and also for the penalties or percentages prescribed by law for default in payment, such judgment, if no execution was issued thereon prior to the first day of February, 1877, shall be satisfied and discharged upon payment of the original tax and other costs, exclusive of the amount of the penalties and percentages included therein and still unpaid.

The new constitution seems to be growing in favor and many of the most sagacious papers in California think it will pass. The San Jose Mercury says: About 120 members of the convention voted for the constitution. These men have a personal interest in its adoption by the people because it is in part their own handiwork. They are generally men of some wealth and all possessed of influence. They have scattered to every part of the state and will from now until the election use every influence to secure the end they desire. Again every workingman in the state will vote for it, because Kearney says they must.

Then there are in the document so many provisions, each one of which will command itself to a separate class of people and on each one of which the whole constitution will receive many votes; as for instance, while many things would be objectionable to some, yet the Chinese plank commands itself to them that others who might object to the Chinese plank would be caught by the taxation or some other provision.

## A Dying Hero.

General W. T. Sherman is dying of pneumonia at Newport. His wife died yesterday from the effects of a surgical operation.

John Reech's Brazilian subsidy scheme was defeated.

Bodie has a mine named Reno.

## LUMBER!

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## GRAND CLEARANCE SALE.

## JOHN SUNDERLAND,



No. 29 Virginia Street, Reno.

## A Grand Cash Clearance Sale!

## BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &amp; CAPS,

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In ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR MY SPRING STOCK, WHICH I WILL HAVE MADE THIS WINTER, AS THE STYLES AND PRICES WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM ANY KNOWN IN RENO. I PROPOSE SELLING EVERYTHING NOW ON HAND FOR COST. THE SALE WILL BE STRICTLY FOR CASH ONLY.

The following is a partial list of the prices of the celebrated brand which I have so long dealt in, and which is favorably known to every one in the community:

Gents' Fine Sewed Box-toed Boots, Morocco Legs.....	\$9 00
Gents' Fine Sewed Box-toed Boots, double sole.....	9 50
Gents' Fine Calf, custom.....	7 00
Gents' Fine Calf, Screw Boots.....	4 50
Gents' Fine Calf Screw Boots, single sole.....	4 00
Gents' Fine Hand-sewed, Alex., 1st quality.....	6 50
Gents' Fine Machine-sewed, Alex., 2d quality.....	5 00
Gents' Fine Machine-sewed Alex.....	3 00
Gents' Fine Cable-wire Alex.....	1 50
Gents' Fine Alex. (Alex. buckle).....	2 00
Ladies' French Kid, 1st quality, buttons.....	5 50
Ladies' French Kid, side lace, 1st quality.....	5 00
Ladies' Curacao Kid, French Fly, 1st quality.....	4 00
Ladies' Curacao Kid, French Fly, 2d quality.....	3 50
Ladies' Tampico Pebble Goat, buttons, 1st quality.....	3 00
Ladies' Tampico Pebble Goat, buttons, 2d quality.....	2 50
Ladies' Kid Fox, buttons, 1st quality.....	3 00
Ladies' Kid Fox, lace, 2d quality.....	1 75
Ladies' Kid Fox, lace, 3d quality.....	1 25
Ladies' Serge Slippers.....	.75
Ladies' Tampico Goat Slippers.....	1 00
Ladies' Tampico Goat Congress Slippers.....	2 00
Misses' Fine Kid, buttons, 11—13½.....	2 50
Misses' Fine Tampico Goat, buttons.....	2 50
Misses' Fine Strap Sandals.....	3 50
Ladies' Fine Strap Sandals, pearl buckles.....	1 75
Children's Fine Pebble, buttons, 6—10½.....	1 37
Infants', any color, buttons, 4—7.....	1 00
Infants', any color, lace, 0—4.....	75
Infants' Ankle Ties, any color.....	75
Infants' Newport Ties.....	87

Orders from the Country Will Receive Prompt Attention.

ROSS & BAUER'S BRANCH FURNITURE STORE.

## BRANCH STORE

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## ROSS &amp; BAUER'S

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Will be opened on VIRGINIA STREET, in Dave Martin's Building, opposite Sunderland's, about the 20th of this month. They will keep a variety of

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KITCHEN AND DININGROOM

## FURNITURE,

Hair, Wool and Other Mattresses,

FEATHER PILLOWS, SPRING BEDS,

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They will also add to their establishment a MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT under the supervision of G. STARK, the "boss" Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer of this section. Parties desiring their Furniture Repaired can have the same done with neatness and dispatch by calling at our place of business.

N. B.—At present we are temporarily located on Plaza street, next door to Western Hotel. We also inform the public that any description of merchandise in our line which we have not on hand, can be furnished at very short notice from our House in Sacramento.

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## CHAMBERLAIN'S HOTEL

The Finest Railroad Depot Between Omaha and San Francisco.

The joint plan of a building for the Central Pacific, Wells Fargo and Mr. Chamberlain's hotel, is in the hands of the architect, and it is safe to say that it will be the finest depot building between Omaha and San Francisco. There is a fine hotel and railroad office at Cheyenne which cost as much money as this one will, but it is not to be compared with it in many respects. The Reno one will be

## A MODEL OF STYLE

and neatness as well as convenience. The front elevation will be toward the track, while the town face will be well finished and there will be no shabby corners anywhere. The frame will be two stories with a mansard roof, the ceiling of which will be forty feet from the ground. A handsome tower will rise from the north centre, to a height of sixty-four feet from the ground, and smaller towers will surmount each end. The word

"RENO"

will stand at a proper height under the centre tower, in a sectional facade. The whole will be of redwood, the most difficult of all wood to ignite. The ground plan is 170X32 feet, and the first floor will be divided between the different parties about as follows: Two small rooms at the west end will be devoted to the ticket and telegraph offices. Next comes the passenger waiting room; then the dining room, 50X35 feet. Next

## THE GRAND ENTRANCE

joining the kitchen and pantry. Then comes the hotel office and bar room; then the baggage room and Wells Fargo go back to their old room at the east end of the building. A staircase in the grand hall leads to the upper portion of the house. A hall behind it connects the dining room and office. The building will be a great credit to the town of Reno, to Mr. Chamberlain and the railroad company.

## Joe Crews' Funeral

The funeral of Joe Crews took place from the Methodist church at 1 o'clock Wednesday. Mr. McElveen officiated and the services were peculiarly impressive. A large number of the deceased's friends and acquaintances paid the last rites of respect and friendship by following his remains to the last resting place in the Odd Fellows cemetery. It is hard to think he has drifted out into the next place beyond; and that nothing remains to mark his genial presence among us except the fresh mound in the graveyard.

## Fire at Wadsworth.

Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock the residence of Frank Free, in Wadsworth was discovered to be in flames, and before the fire could be extinguished the building with all the contents were totally destroyed. Mr. Free was in Reno at the time. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire in the building since Friday. Mr. Free's family being in San Francisco. The loss is estimated at between \$1500 and \$2000.

## Drowned in Pyramid.

Henry Hill a fisherman at Pyramid Lake, attempted to cross the lake in a small sail boat last Saturday. He was caught in the big wind which arose and swamped. His lifeless body was found in the bottom of his boat which drifted ashore on the east side of the lake, full of water. He leaves a wife and two children who were brought to Reno to-day.

## C. P. R. R. Freight Depot.

The railroad company have a large gang of men laying the foundation for their new freight depot on Plaza street. The building will be mostly composed of redwood and Oregon pine lumber. It will not be ready for occupancy inside of two weeks. Meanwhile the railroad employees will sliver in a box car.

## Long Team.

Johnny Elder left Tuesday morning with a team of twenty animals and three wagons, loaded with wheat for Virginia City. It was the longest team seen in these parts since the old days of stage coaches and freight teams.

## Personal.

Edgar Mills, proprietor of the Eureka and Palisade R. R., A. C. Cleveland, proprietor of the late legislature, Hon. T. Robinson of Eureka, Hon. W. B. Taylor of Nye and the Hon. Georgia Minstrels, passed through Reno Tuesday night.

## Bound to Hang.

The supreme court Monday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the state vs. Ah Chouey. This settles the Chinese question as far as Ah Chouey is concerned. The Chinaman must go.

## HOI YOE SCOFFERS.

The "Gazette" With Remembrance Faith in Reno's Future, takes an Important Step Forward—Steam to be introduced.

The growth of the GAZETTE has been rapid and continuous. From its first appearance upon the streets of Reno, its circulation has steadily increased, and many subscriptions are now daily coming in from outside localities, for both its daily and weekly issues. For months past its publishers have felt the necessity for some more powerful and untiring motor than that they have heretofore been compelled to use. This important move—important because furnishing one of the best possible indications of Reno's growing prosperity—had been fully canvassed prior to the great fire, and decided upon. After that event, when the native pluck and energy of Reno's business men had fully evidenced their dispositions, and it became certain that the town would again grow, and grow in fairer form than before, steps were immediately taken to run the presses of the GAZETTE by steam. The proprietors of the paper have all along felt that their mission was to uphold and encourage the rebuilding of the town because, having learned to watch and study its interests, they were well convinced that its best days were yet to come. They at once decided that no want of faith should characterize their course, and to-day have the proud consciousness of knowing that all over the coast their efforts are recognized and appreciated, and Reno invaluably benefited thereby.

The latter part of this or the first of next week will witness the consummation of this improvement. The GAZETTE will then be the fourth steam printing office in the state, the others being on the Comstock. When all is in readiness, and the whistle blows, we want every croaker and scoff to come up, acknowledge his error and subscribe for the GAZETTE—job work solicited.

## Improvements on Virginia Street.

The transfer of McGinley's lot to Winchell & Cunningham, has been made. These gentlemen have decided to put up a brick and will commence building as soon as brick can be had. With two exceptions this will give the west side of Virginian street a solid brick front, and one of these if not both, will put up brick buildings.

Another important improvement, and one that will be a most effective safeguard against fire, is the fact that none of the buildings on this side of the street will have wooden awnings, but will put up canvas awnings such as are to be seen in the cities. This will give Virginian street at least the west side of it a decidedly citified appearance.

## Ought Not to Stand.

It is to be feared that the wooden shanties stuck up everywhere will be very slow to disappear. As long as men can do business in them they will be slow to replace them with expensive buildings. If Reno is to be a city of cabins there will be no need of a town government. As soon as possible these wooden sheds should all be cleared out, and good, solid, fire-proof buildings put up in their places. The expense can be reduced a great deal by all working together and putting up solid walls together to be used as partitions between contiguous buildings, and many other city tricks well-known to builders.

## Big Benefit.

It is now regarded as certain that the depot known as Earl's, before the fire in a direct line with Virginia street and preventing continuous travel along it, will not be rebuilt. It should not be. Its absence will much improve the appearance of this portion of the town and be a benefit to every property owner on that thoroughfare. The principle crossing of the railroad track has heretofore been Sierra street. Two crossings will materially lessen the danger of accidents in the yard and constitute a notable improvement.

## Snakes.

A man was seen Wednesday acting in a very strange manner. At first it was supposed that he was insane, but it was finally concluded that he only had the jins-jums from drinking too much Carson whisky. Sheriff Walker locked him up to see if a few days in jail would not wean him back to his senses.

## Justice Court.

The attention of Justice Bowker's court was occupied Wednesday with the civil case of Parsons vs. A. J. Clark. Considering the number of rough characters in town, criminal business is decidedly slow.

## The Ohio Boys Back.

Weil Bros. returned from Cleveland Tuesday night with a big stock of dry goods and lady's gear. They will not be open for a week or two. They lost about \$500 worth of goods stored in Prescott's building.

## Resumption Notes.

Ross & Bauer will open their furniture store about the 20th inst. in Martin's building opposite Mr. Chambers saloon, with G. Stark as agent.

## THE NEW FREIGHT DEPOT.

## A Mate for the Passenger Depot

A. Longstreet, foreman of the large gang of carpenters at work on the freight house has a plan stretched out on boards which shows it as plain as a new zincograph. The ground plan is 234 by 46 feet and extends from the east line of Virginia street to the east side of Centre street, leaving the corner wide open which improvement alone

## HALF PAYS FOR THE FIRE.

The house is set on a platform covering the whole space of 234 feet and will be 150 feet long by 26 wide. In the east end will be Mr. Higgins' office, in the west Mr. Earles, with the ware room between. On each side will be four large sliding doors. The roof will be of the best redwood shingles extending eight feet over, all around, braced with

## HANDSOME BEVELED BRACKETS

with rustic casing, eight feet apart. The finishing will be beveled all through and the sides will be redwood rustic. Each facade will have a circular window with a fancy toothpick at the peak. The color has not been decided upon but will be neat and harmonious. The building will be first class in every respect. The V & T R. R. has not decided upon its future plans. It may use part of this house for its freight business.

## A Big Addition to Reno.

Ross & Bauer, furniture dealers of K. street, Sacramento, have established a branch in Reno, as all our readers observed by their splendid card in the GAZETTE yesterday. They are temporarily located on Plaza street with a stock of cheap goods to supply the immediate needs of parties who are not able or sufficiently sure of the future to furnish their homes with their accustomed elegance and good taste. As soon as their store rooms are ready, they will put in the finest stock of goods in Nevada. And in connection with it, a manufacturing and repairing establishment, under the superintendence of G. Stark, a gentleman who has done repairing for a great many citizens before the fire, and is well-known to be a first-class workman. The firm will prove a valuable addition to business circles in Nevada, and will aid materially in giving to Reno that business prominence which her location entitles her to.

## The Crystal Peak Lumber Company.

Katz & Henry have purchased the mill property at Verdi known as the Crystal Peak lumber company, and will commence cutting lumber in about two weeks. The mill is situated in Dog valley about five miles from Verdi, and the lumber is to be flumed to the railroad. The flume is completed about four miles, and the work of extending it to the track will be pushed through at once. About ten men are now at work in the mill and in the woods, getting ready. They will deal in lumber, wood, mining timbers, fence posts, etc. A yard is shortly to be established in Reno. Both the gentlemen comprising the firm are sober, energetic, go-ahead business men, and as they have one of the best locations on the Truckee river, their success is assured.

## Personal.

H. W. Roberts, business manager for Sisson, Wallace, & Co., at Truckee was in town to-day.

P. H. Henry, one of the proprietors of the Crystal Peak lumber company, was in town seeing to the wants of our builders.

Assemblyman Foulks of Verdi, was visible on the streets to-day.

C. A. Gibson and G. W. Cunningham have formed a partnership and will engage in business on the east side of Virginia street, where the old Budden gallery stood.

D. Bishop is in from Paradise.

S. U. Marshal Ash was in town yesterday.

Matheron, the druggist, is out on the streets again.

## The Washoe Mine.

This mine is located about three miles north of town and about one-half mile south of the celebrated Loomis mine. It was incorporated in the early part of last January. The ledge is supposed to be about twenty feet thick, and assays from \$16 to \$60 per ton. Its owners, Messrs. Hawkins, Jolly and Rowe of this place have been at work for the past two months running a tunnel, and a depth of about eight feet has been attained. The rock grows richer as they get deeper into it, and they all feel very sanguine that they have a big thing. As soon as the rock has been thoroughly tested hoisting works will be put up.

## Going at it.

George McClelland, of the firm of Burchard & McClelland, returned from San Francisco this morning with a full stock of varieties and notions. They will go at the business with a rush and make things lively.

## A WATERY CRAVE.

## Additional Particulars of the Death of Henry Hill.

Concerning the death of Henry Hill, the fisherman who was found dead on the shores of Pyramid lake last Saturday, the following particulars have been learned: It appears that Hill left his home, which is near Pyramid city, about two weeks ago for a fishing cruise around the lake. He went to the extreme northeast end of the lake and camped near some other fisherman, whom he has been ever since. The last seen of him was last Wednesday morning, although smoke was seen rising from his camp sometime during the day Thursday. Saturday morning, as Wm. Halbert was going around the lake to another fishing camp for provisions, he found a roll of blankets, which he at once recognized as belonging to Hill. He immediately turned back and gave the alarm and Jake Watson Ike Evans and a man named Stegeman accompanied him in a search for Hill. He was found about three miles below the mouth of Stillwater creek, lying in the bottom of the boat face downward. The boat was filled with water and had drifted ashore. There was a large black scar across his forehead, which is supposed to have been occasioned by the wrecking of the boat, caused by the lashing of the waves against the shore. It is supposed that he was out on the lake fishing, and a gale coming on he endeavored to reach the shore. By the time he reached a place where he could land with safety he became so numb that he was unable to get out of the boat, and perishing with cold, fell face downward in the boat, where he was found. He was placed in a wagon and brought to Reno. He was buried from the Methodist church this afternoon. He was a native of Hamburg, Germany and about 35 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children, who are in destitute circumstances. A petition was in circulation in town this afternoon asking the relief committee to make an appropriation out of the fund for her.

## Resumption Notes.

E. Meyer, the cigar dealer, will open at his old stand in Manning & Duck's building, as soon as it is completed. He will go below for goods in a few days.

The foundation of the Depot hotel is being laid.

The new C. P. freight depot begins to loom up. The frame is up and if the weather holds good it will be finished and ready for occupancy in a few days.

E. Chiełowich is getting ready to rebuild. A number of men are at work excavating in the way of the building, the intention being to extend the cellar the entire length of the building. The new building will be two stories and about twenty-five feet deeper than the old building. When completed it will be one of the finest buildings in town. The upper part will be rented for offices etc.

## How to Get Good Work.

The Reno Gas light company, has a word to say in our columns about their pipes and fittings. They have a first-class man constantly at work putting in new work and repairing old, who will be here all the time, and will know where to go for a pipe if he knows where he put it, in case of a break or a leak. Everything being equal, home institutions should be patronized in preference to traveling tinkers or the discarded butchers of neighboring towns.

## Clothing Coming.

If you want clothing or furnishing goods, keep your money in your pocket until you old friends Nathan and Abraham get up their fine stocks. They will have no old, shabby goods to palm off on you; but everything will be bought right out of the best markets, and at prices which, up to this time, have never been reached.

They are home people and can be relied upon. Their prices will be as good as a relief committee to the ragged.

Good order.

Business is good.

Branch Wine House.

The card of Herman J. Thyes, manager of the branch Wine House, appears in another column of this paper. The branch is located on Virginia street, between First and Second, and, under the efficient management of Mr. Thyes, is sure to become what it was in the good old days—the favorite resort of Reno.

## Fine Blood.

J. Brown, of Surprise Valley, unloaded a lot of Kentucky stock and started home with it to-day. He will drive it up by short journeys, taking a couple of weeks for the trip. He has two cows and two calves, a yearling bull calf, all of the best Durham breed, and one fine jack.

## A Big Assortment.

A. H. Manning is steadily at work cleaning out the old cellar of his store. The ashes are about as near to chaos as anything could be imagined. A grand jumble of hardware, stoves, tools, nails, iron rods, pieces of brick and mortar and fragments of everything he had on the shelves.

## The "Gazette" Office.

The press upon which the daily and weekly GAZETTE is printed is a first class Potter power press. During the year and a half it has been in use it has never delayed a single issue of the paper an hour. It is always ready, always in order, and never gives out. During holiday week six thousand copies of the Advertiser were printed on it besides the regular daily and weekly edition and the enormous New Years edition during which time it was kept running day and night without a break or accident. It can turn out 1000 copies an hour. The office is also supplied with a nonpareil job press which for speed and good work is acknowledged to have no superior. It has a capacity of two thousand impressions an hour. The job office is supplied with the finest and largest assortment of stationary, suitable for letter, bill and note heads, envelopes, cards, posters, society cards and notices, ever brought to Reno. Statements, tags, sign cards, blank book, work and pamphlet printing of all descriptions can be promptly turned out. The ladies' attention is especially invited to the shelves filled with fine cards and to the beautiful type with which to mark them. These presses after next Saturday will be operated by steam, which will enable the office to turn out a finer class of work than ever, and with the shortest possible delay. One of the greatest drawbacks in a country printing office is the delays which are unavoidable, as men, turning a press by hand cannot be expected to keep up the labor without frequent interruptions. The work produced shows the effects of their fatigue also, and is much less uniform, neat and regular than where pressure is constant and steady. The proprietors particularly request that parties wanting first-class work, in any quantity, large or small, should come and see them before sending away for it. The GAZETTE has stood up manfully for Reno, its credit and its future, and it seems only fair that it should have an equal chance with outside workmen on all jobs that have to be given out.

## A Generous Offer.

People who lost their pianos by the fire will do well to read the advertisement of Mr. Smith, of San Francisco, on another page of the GAZETTE. His offer is timely and should be accepted. His instruments are first-class, and no one need deny themselves the luxury of a fine instrument on account of price. The piano has become a necessity in every house, and the GAZETTE hopes its readers will not try to get along without it.

## MORRIS SCHWAB &amp; CO.

Post street, San Francisco. Oil Paintings, Water Colors, Engravings and Frames. Velvet Frames of every description for cabinet pictures. These elegant goods are of the choicest description and are the latest productions of some of our most eminent artists. A free Art Gallery connected with the establishment contains the finest pictures in the city, and some of the finest in America. The latest productions of the best artists in the city go directly from the easel to this gallery. Visitors from Nevada are invited to inspect this fine collection. The display of Water Colors, fine Oil Paintings, Steel Engravings, Panels, etc., is very large and elegant. Artists' materials and every style of frames to fill the largest order.

Going to Carson.

Lovewell's photograph car was loaded on a flat-car this morning, after an immense amount of bossing, and makes a very fine appearance in its elevated position. Mr. Lovewell has done excellent work in Reno, and leaves hosts of friends. He has improved very much, too, as an artist, and has added several fine instruments to his establishment, so that he can take better pictures than ever.

## Almost Completed.

I. T. Benham is putting the roof on Osburn &

**THE NEW STATE VAULT.**

**Impervious to Fire, Floods, Burglars, Moth and Rust.**

The new vault in the state treasurer's office at Carson is a magnificent specimen of one of the finest arts of the nineteenth century. The busy mind of the inventive Yankee has been at work for fifty years endeavoring to provide a place where treasures might be absolutely safe from fire, flood and cunning burglar. There is but little hope of success if the new coin room erected by Hall's safe and lock company in Mr Crockett's office does not fill the bill.

The old vault is ordinarily fire-proof and will be used for reports, books, papers and etc., but nothing to tempt the cupidity of the professional thief will be stored there. Most of the readers of the *Gazette* will remember the above between the old vault and the north wall of the office. This space is entirely filled by the new safe. The front is a massive wall of solid masonry two feet thick and eleven feet high; the north wall is three feet thick; the west wall or back of vault is one of the main walls of the building and is of the same thickness as the north wall. The south wall joins the north wall of the old vault, and the two are three and half feet thick. The top is a layer of grouted mason work two feet thick resting on a close layer of railroad iron which runs crosswise and enters the east and west wall twelve inches. The dimensions of the inside are: length north and south, fourteen feet nine inches; depth, five feet six inches, and height, nine feet. It is lined throughout with boiler iron seven-sixteenths of an inch thick riveted with T joints. The floor is laid under the lining of boiler iron first with stone flags twelve inches thick, and solid masonry between it and the foundations of the capitol building. An air chamber two inches in depth surrounds the entire vault between the lining and the masonry, with an outlet at the southeast corner. The room is entered through two doors, the inner of which is double and swings outward. Each side is composed of four layers of one-fourth inch chilled iron and drill-proof steel, two of each alternating, and are one inch thick and when shut are secured with four heavy steel bolts. The opening is seven feet by three feet and four inches. The outside door swings to the south. It is two and a half inches thick and consists of an iron plate between two of drill-proof steel. Six steel bolts one and three-quarters inches thick cross the door, and enter the frame seven-eighths of an inch on either side. Two bolts at the top and two at the bottom are moved by the same lever. The lock is Hall's best combination six-tumbler double-chromometer Howard movement timer. This door weighs 1700 pounds. The frame in which it is set is two feet six inches thick and five feet wide, and weighs three and one half tons. It is bolted and riveted fast to the lining of the vault.

Inside the vault is set a safe which is the finest work in the fire and burglar-proof line. It weighs 6200 pounds, although it is only three feet ten inches high, three feet four inches wide and two feet deep, and cost \$2365. It has double doors four inches thick, composed of five plates, the outside one of which is chilled iron and the four inside ones of the best drill-proof steel. The right hand door overlaps the other and double fastens it. The right hand lock is a double-tumbler lock with two combinations and is in reality two locks which can be worked independently or together, and is armed with Howard's chronometer double-time movement. The other has one six-tumbler lock, and both have four steel bolts one and one-half inches in diameter. Each door covers a compartment which are separated by a steel burglar-proof partition three inches thick. They are in the clear fourteen inches deep, thirty high and seventeen wide, and each has two steel shelves for coin. The safe will hold one million dollars in twenty dollar pieces. It is neatly painted and bears on its face "Hall's Safe and Lock Company, Patent, July 23, 1867," in gilt letters. The inner vault door has an artistic painting of a Lake Tahoe scene—the outer one an Oregon scene with Mount Shasta in the distance.

This is the finest job ever done in Nevada, and cost very nearly six thousand dollars, exclusive of the stone in the walls which was quarried and dressed by the prisoners at the penitentiary. Mr. Brady from the San Francisco office has been in charge of the mechanical department of the work, and the entire details have been superintended carefully by H. H. Blake, who is to be congratulated upon the complete success and entire vindication of all his plans and promises. The state treasurer L. C. Crockett, and his deputy R. H. Wright, have an enormous load of their minds since the coin is safely housed, and they, and governor Kinkead and all the state officers express their high approval of the job and their satisfaction with the work in every particular.

Many men claim to be firm in their principles, when, really, they are only obstinate in their prejudices.

**THE CATTLE PLAGUE.**

**History of a Dreadful Disease Which Nevada has thus far Escaped.**

The Chicago *Journal of Commerce* has a very complete history of this dreadful disease, from which we condense:

The cattle plague goes back to the depths of antiquity. The oldest book extant furnishes a record of a fatal, infectious disease called "murrain," that destroyed the cattle of Egypt more than three thousand years ago. Homer's Iliad also records among the afflictions and sufferings of the people

DURING THE SIEGE OF TROY, a thousand years before the Christian era, fatal disease that prevailed among the cattle; and many other classic writers allude to a plague of the same sort. In all European history the region of the Dan and Volga has been the seat of trouble. From there came the Goths, Huns, and Vandals. Attila, Genghis Khan, and the Cossack Cavalry all came from the steppes. The smallpox, cholera, and black death came from the same direction. The new malignant black death is now eating out the population of the same country. To this same unexplored and seldom visited country is traced the origin of the cattle plague which has so often exterminated the herds of European countries. The disease was brought to New England by cattle.

IMPORTED FROM HOLLAND, Belgium, and England. The Goths, in their march from the Dan and Volga, brought their cattle to the Danube. They spread the contagion through Illyria, Italy, France, and Belgium, and it has been epidemic, at intervals of about fifty years, ever since.

In 810 the plague appeared in Britain. In 817 it spread in Hungary. The French trace the true rinderpest in France back to the periods between 350 and 942; Saxons to 1043. German historians record the spread and devastation of the "steppes" murrain through their herds and districts in 1149. In many parts of the country this disease afflicted both man and beast. From 1149 to 1223 the visitation to central Europe was extremely desolating.

The disease accompanied the Russian invasion of Mongolia, and was followed by a plague on man and beast during the years 1223-33 and '38. From 1223 to '35, the cattle plague again spread through Hungary, Austria, Germany, and Britain, with several intermittent seasons, till 1299. During 1347 the disease assumed such a form in Russia that it was designated the "black death." In this form and under this name, it reached Prussia in 1559, and ravaged the herds of Germany until 1598. It 1592 it destroyed much of the best stock of upper Italy. In 1616 the same malady devastated Padua, Treviso, Vicenza, and Udine. Se marked and terrible was the disease that beef and veal as food were both prohibited. During 1625 the plague visited northern Italy. This came from Dalmatia, and

**SPREAD TO VIENNA.**

In Italy and Switzerland, during the decade from 1683 to '93, the disease took on a carbuncular form. In 1709 the plague affected animals in such a manner that it was designated as the "foot and mouth disease." From 1710 to 1717 the mortality was very great throughout the cattle districts of Europe.

In 1709 the disease again passed from Tartary through Muscovy, Poland, Bessarabia, Croatia, and Dalmatia to Italy and France. It not only ravaged Russia and the Papal states, but Naples lost 70,000 head, Silesia 100,000 head, and the

**NETHERLANDS 300,000.**

So widespread and fatal had been the plague that, from 1713 to 1721 the Dutch prohibited the importation of foreign stock.

In 1714 such a malignant form of the disease reached Britain, and the mortality became so great, that the government made an effort to "stamp it out" in the following manner: The cows attacked were slaughtered and burned; the stables disinfected and kept empty three months; the fields the cows had occupied were kept free from stock two months; persons attending sick cows were forbidden to go near healthy ones; any apparently well cow refusing food was separated immediately from the herd, and but few were permitted to be together in stall, yard or field. The government allowed the owner of every cow burned 40 shillings (\$10). In the winter of 1714-15 the cattle of Essex, Middlesex and Surrey were \$123,000 paid out for the diseased stock thus destroyed.

It was estimated that from 1714 to 1739 the number of cattle lost to their owners by the plague in Europe aggregated at least 1,500,000 head.

The eastern papers are full of accounts of sections now suffering in this way.

Nevada stock men should carefully study this subject as doubtless many do, and carefully guard their flocks from contamination. Perhaps Nevada's peculiarly favorable climate may kill the disease and prove the natural home of the bovine race.

**Right, Gentlemen, Right.**

[Carson Tribune.]

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Good, honest legislators, how careful have you been of the people's money. Rob poor clerks to fill the already plethoric purses of those who daily and hourly rob the poorer class of the people of Nevada.

**A SOLDIERS' SONG.**

**A Smoking Car Incident on the Virginia and Truckee Railroad.**

Four or five old veterans of the war got aboard the V. & T. train at Carson the other night. They had been together in all the hard fought battles of the civil war, and as such things will happen, met causally in Carson.

Since the close of the war they had been separated, one here, another there—wherever on the coast indication gave promise of developments to be made or mining camps to be established there their wandering footprints might be found. They were now bound for Yankee Forks, Idaho. They were men—all of them, big, broad-faced fellows whose appearance indicated that they were used to hardships and privation and able to buffet their way through the world without serious inconvenience. As men, and especially soldiers upon the march will they had made provision for all their creature comforts in the shape of sundry black bottles peeping slyly from overcoat pockets, and numerous cigars which they insisted were "good" for the reason that they were bought in Carson. After a while they began to sing. Their voices might have been more melodious and better attuned; but as they sang of the old days their memories seemed freighted with the old patriotic feeling and words had for them a double meaning. The camp fires were again burning and with the "flag proudly floating before them," a certain dignity and impressiveness seemed to attach to the songs they sang. Some it is true advised them to "hire a hall" or "cheese it," but when they sang on—as in the other days they had conquered a peace, so now the same animating spirit had its victory. They were men, as has been said; soldiers who have fought and faced death together. Not a trace of effeminacy about them—voices as rough as their exteriors, it could not be expected that they were peculiarly susceptible. Yet, when "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" came to an abrupt termination when but half finished, and found big tears rolling down the weather-beaten cheeks of more than one of the party, it plainly evidenced an emotional nature totally at variance with outside indications. And as a tribute to song, (which Americans who would keep the fires of patriotism alive and burning would do well to consider) it was highly satisfactory.

**Why a Letter Don't Go.**

Because you don't address it.

Because you don't stamp it.

Because you forgot to write the town or state on the envelope.

Because you don't write the street and number plainly.

Because you didn't put three cents on the letter for every half-ounce or fractional part thereof.

Because you used a once canceled stamp.

Because you cut out an envelope stamp and pasted it on your letter.

Because you had used internal revenue stamps instead of postage stamps.

Because you used old out of date stamps.

Because you used a foreign stamp.

Because you wrote the address so badly that no one could read it.

Becasue you wrote the address on the top of the envelope, and it was surely obliterated by the postoffice dating, receiving and canceling stamps.

And because you put your letter in a blank envelope, and sealed it and forwarded it to the dead letter office, where thousands upon thousands of valuable letters are daily destroyed, because the people are either careless or ignorant upon the postal laws.

**Useful Items.**

Lamp-wicks' dipped in hot vinegar before using, is said to prevent offensive smell from lamps.

Yellow ivory-handled knives may be restored to their original whiteness by being rubbed with sand-paper and emery.

Tortoise shell and horn combs are preserved from cracking by being occasionally rubbed with oil.

If a sponge, after having been used a week, is then put away to thoroughly dry and another used for an equal time, the soft, flabby, and worn out sponge recovers its texture. Sponges treated in this way outlast three ordinary sponges.

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**Light Snow Fall.**

Salt Lake city fears a water famine. The *Herald* says the scarcity of snow in the mountains is unprecedented, and though a great deal fell during the past winter, it melted almost as soon as it fell. Where there has generally been seven to ten feet of solid snow in the mountains at this season of the year, there is now but two and a half feet, or three-fourths less than customary.

**Truckee Items.**

[From the Republican of to-day.]

The Truckee Lumber Co. intend to put ten million feet of logs into the river this year.

The snow is eighteen to twenty inches deep in Truckee, and six feet deep on the Summit.

Large quantities of lumber, shingles and building material are being shipped to Reno from this place.

The order of Red Cross bids fair to again flourish. Dr. Coon is quite successful in obtaining new members.

The heaviest snow storm of the season is upon us. There is no danger of drought. The snow plows are running both east and west, and times are decidedly lively.

Mr. J. L. Lewison, our live dry goods and clothing merchant has been to Reno with a view of opening a branch store. Mr. Lewison is full of enterprise, and is backed by coin. If he undertakes this new enterprise we hope and believe that his usual unbounded success will attend him.

At Mr. Geo. Schaffer's we learn that there are about a million feet of logs already cut and lying in the woods, ready to be hauled to the mills. The thawing weather cleared off the snow so that it was impracticable to do any logging, but now there is an abundance of snow and work will progress rapidly.

With the usual enterprise which characterizes the Truckee Lumber Co., Superintendent James Ware has been to Reno and has secured extensive orders for doors, sash, blind and furniture. The Reno people can do no better than to get all their orders for such material at the factory. More extensive works, or better facilities for turning out fine goods at low prices, cannot be found on the coast.

The trout are as far up the Truckee as Foulkes' dam at Verdi. Last year they stopped at this dam until the fisherman and Indians slaughtered them by the thousands. Won't Mr. Foulkes keep an eye out regarding this matter? A little attention on his part will enable the trout to pass on their way rejoicing to their spawning beds in the upper Truckee. We are informed that an Indian was seen last week grubhooking trout below the dam. Parties are on the red gentleman's track, and he is liable to meet with a trifling unpleasantness.

**Another Whopper.**

[St Louis Auxiliary.]

The owner of a steam saw-mill in Nevada was until lately a member of a Methodist church, from which he was expelled, as he says, to gratify the personal spite of the pastor. He resolved to held religious services of his own, and, to make them effective, he obtained a powerful calliope, and attached it to the steam boiler of his mill. On Sundays, the voice of the Methodist preacher is drowned by the sound of the calliope, as it serenades "The Sweet By and By," and other Moody and Sankey tunes. The clergyman has applied to a justice's court for relief, but the magistrate rules that the use of the calliope on Sunday for sacred music is legal. The question has been carried to a higher court.

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and Spanish Chestnuts, Hardy

Evergreens and Deciduous

Ornamental Weeping Trees

such as Norway Spruce,

American Golden

Siberian Arborvitae,

Mountain Ash, Weeping

Willows,

Irish Juniper, that beautiful Ever

green ornamental shrub the Rhod-

dodron, English Horse

Chestnuts, Silver Maple,

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